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DRAFT REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 4-29 MAY 1992

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Addendum

CHAPTER V. COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

E. Europe (continued)

Turkey

1. The Resident Representative introduced the Administrator's proposal for the extension of the fourth country programme for Turkey, for two years, beginning 1 January 1992 (DP/CP/TUR/4/EXTENSION I).

2. The purpose of the extension is to enable the start of the fifth country programme to coincide with the start of the next five-year national development plan (1995-1999). This will also enable the country programme to reflect fully the priorities of the new coalition Government, which took office in November 1991.

3. The present extension will assist the Government to attain objectives relating to: (a) development of management capacity; (b) research and technological development; (c) the environment and the sustainable development of natural resources and energy; (d) technical cooperation among developing countries; and (e) key human development fields, with particular emphasis on women and children.

4. In supporting the extension, the head of the delegation of Turkey described the recent positive evolution of UNDP cooperation in the country, with particular reference to the recent approval of support to a comprehensive national environment programme and to the importance Turkey attached to UNDP cooperation in the transfer and adaptation of high technology. She also emphasized Turkey's significant, and indeed pioneering, role in developing an important programme for the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN), and in the expanding field of providing technical cooperation to other developing countries.

5. In this respect, the head of the delegation described the energetic steps taken by the Government to provide development and technological assistance to the Central Asian Republics with a view to assisting them in acquiring appropriate technical skills and know-how. The Turkish Agency for Technical and Economic Cooperation had recently been established for this purpose. She also mentioned Turkey's increasing cost-sharing contribution to UNDP-assisted projects. However, she also stressed the need for UNDP to clarify its procedures relating to the successor arrangements to agency support costs, so as to avoid confusion and uncertainty regarding the implementation of programmes.

6. Three delegations spoke in support of the extension and endorsed the steps being made by the Government and UNDP as described above.

7. The Standing Committee recommended that the Governing Council approve the extension of the fourth country programme for Turkey for a period of two years, beginning 1 January 1992.

Yugoslavia

8. The Director, Division for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (DEC) informed the Standing Committee of the Administrator's approval of the extension of the fourth country programme for Yugoslavia for one year, starting 1 January 1992 (DP/CP/YUG/4/EXTENSION I).

9. The extension had been necessitated by the extremely difficult political and institutional process of transition currently being experienced and the consequent need to postpone the preparation of the country programme.

10. The purpose of the extension is to enable the implementation of the ongoing projects in the main areas of concentration of: (a) research and development; (b) better utilization of natural resources; (c) improvement of the environment; and (d) information systems. It would also assist in the transition of the various Republics to market economies, and contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country in the context of the overall peace effort and the ongoing humanitarian endeavours of the international community.

11. Speaking on behalf of the European Community and its Member States, one delegation made the following statement and requested its insertion into the official record of this session:

> "The European Community and its Member States have taken note of the Declaration of the representatives of the Peoples of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Montenegro of 27 April 1992, which states that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia continues 'the State, international legal and political personality of the Federative Socialist Republic of Yugoslavia'. This Declaration raises questions related to the continuity of Yugoslavia's membership of international organizations, including the United Nations, which are under consideration. As a matter of fact, the European Community and its Member States have not accepted the automatic continuity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in international organizations, including the United Nations.
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> "At this stage, they reserve their position on this question.
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> "We therefore consider that the participation in this session of UNDP's Governing Council of the delegation in question is without prejudice to future decisions which might be taken by the European Community and its Member States on this and related issues."

12. The Director, DEC, suggested that, as the United Nations Development Programme had for years worked directly with the various Republics, in agreement with the Federal Government, a partial extension of programme activities would permit the completion of viable projects and the maintenance of benefits accrued to the population, wherever feasible, while, at the same time, facilitating the necessary linkages between humanitarian assistance and development.

13. Several delegations maintained that the legal status of the former Yugoslavia did not allow for an extension of the programme, but recognized that a decision to that effect should not deprive innocent people and newly independent Republics of humanitarian aid and technical cooperation. They requested further information regarding ongoing activities and the financial status of the programme.

14. After informal consultations, a draft decision was proposed by 13 delegations (DP/1992/SCPM/L.11/Add.23), which noted the proposal of the Administrator to draw, as necessary, on the small balance of fourth cycle programme resources carried forward, solely for the preparation, under preparatory assistance umbrella projects, of urgent humanitarian projects on a case-by-case basis.

15. The Standing Committee recommended that the Administrator be authorized to proceed, exceptionally, on the basis of the above proposal, and in this respect recommended that the Governing Council adopt the draft decision contained in document DP/1992/SCPM/L.11/Add.23.

F. Latin America and the Caribbean (continued)

Antigua and Barbuda

16. The Assistant Administrator and Director, Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, introduced the third country programme for Antigua and Barbuda. The programme has a net indicative planning figure of $1.2 million.

17. The Standing Committee recommended that the Governing Council approve the third country programme for Antigua and Barbuda.